



RR REPORT

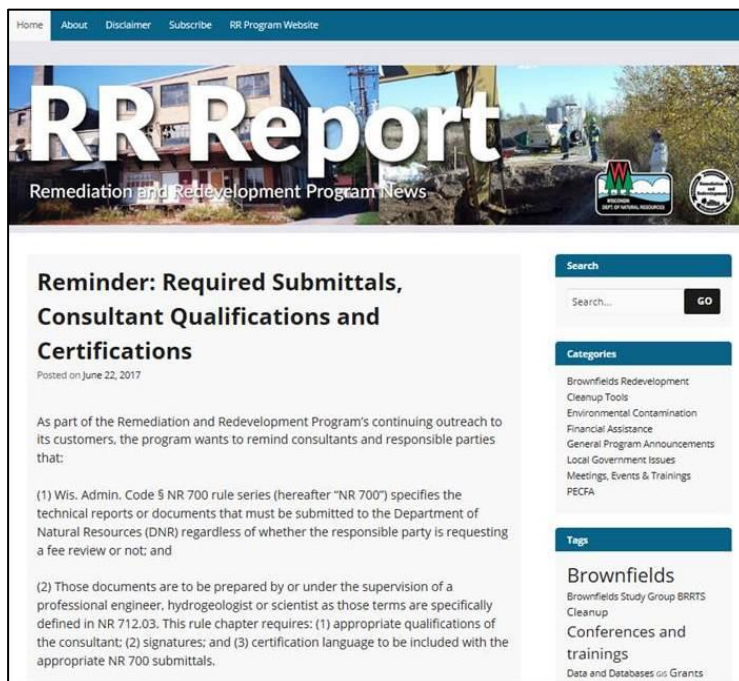
Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

July 25, 2017

Coming in August: New Web-based RR Report

Beginning next month, the RR Program's RR Report will change from a static, PDF-based publication into an online newsfeed. The move represents the Program's continuing commitment to communication and outreach. This will be the final issue of the "old" RR Report before switching over to the new format in August.

The new RR Report will offer greater functionality beyond the static version. It is searchable by category, tag or by key words or phrases. Simply enter a search word or click on a category or tag and off you go. As we add new content to the site, the search feature will grow more robust. We hope that subscribers will appreciate the significant upgrades that the newsfeed format provides.



Our new site will also offer the opportunity to post items more frequently than ever before. If you're a frequent reader of the RR Report, you can visit the page whenever you like and see new content as it is posted. We will notify subscribers every few weeks of posts that occurred during that time; we may occasionally alert readers to time-sensitive posts.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the RR Report. Please contact Mick Skwarok via [email](#) or by phone at 608-266-9263.

Job Opportunities with the RR Program

Applications are currently being sought for entry and senior-level Hydrogeologists for multiple positions around the state within the Remediation and Redevelopment Program.

The deadline to apply for these positions is August 7, 2017.

Vacancies are being filled in a number of locations, and the Program anticipates additional openings in the next several months. The agency intends to use this recruitment to fill those vacancies.

Hydrogeologists provide geologic and hydrogeologic expertise and oversight for investigation and remediation of contamination sites. These are technical positions in which the applicant must have a detailed knowledge of geology, hydrogeology, contaminant transport, chemistry, vapor intrusion, soil science, remedial system design, and biological processes in subsurface soil, sediment and groundwater environments.

Please see the [job announcement](#) for additional details.

Issues & Trends: A Preview and Discussion of DNR's Vapor Intrusion Guidance

Alyssa Sellwood, a Hydrogeologist with the Remediation and Redevelopment Program and the leader of the dry cleaning and vapor intrusion teams, will present the next *Issues & Trends* training event on Wednesday, August 9, at noon. No pre-registration is required.

Sellwood's presentation will be an overview of forthcoming additions and modifications to the RR Program's existing guidance on vapor intrusion – [RR 800 – Addressing Vapor Intrusion at Remediation and Redevelopment Sites in Wisconsin](#). We originally published the guidance in 2010, but revisions are necessary as knowledge and understanding of vapor intrusion has grown. The guidance is being readied for public comment and includes such updates as commissioning and inspecting vapor mitigation systems, mitigating vapor risk in new construction, and evaluating and addressing potential vapor risk in large commercial and industrial buildings.

The training session details are:

- Date: August 9, 2017
- Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode 6612745#
- Questions in advance can be sent to DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov

Congratulations to RR Program Staff Award Winners

The Remediation and Redevelopment Program would like to congratulate our staff who received the DNR's 2016 Environmental Management Division Awards. Each award winner brings unique qualities, knowledge, and passion to their work. We are honored to have these outstanding people – and all our staff members – on the Remediation and Redevelopment team.

The following were recognized this year for their contributions to the RR Program:

- Remediation and Redevelopment Employee of the Year – Alyssa Sellwood
- Environmental Management Division Supervisor of the Year – Christine Haag



Bill Fitzpatrick, Christine Haag and Judy Fassbender
Not pictured: Alyssa Sellwood, Gena Larson and Darsi Foss

- Environmental Management Division Team of the Year – Contaminated Materials Management Workgroup (RR members) Judy Fassbender, Gena Larson, Darsi Foss

Recent RR transfer Bill Fitzpatrick was also recognized as the Employee of the Year in the Office of the Great Lakes for his work in that program prior to joining Remediation and Redevelopment.

News from the PECFA Program

U&C Schedule #22 Now Posted

The Usual & Customary Cost Standardized Invoice #22 is now posted for July 2017 through December 2017. Remediation and Redevelopment Program staff are currently in the process of updating the U&C Cost Schedule #22. For now, please use U&C Cost Schedule #21 if you have questions regarding specific tasks.

Reminder: Current Tax Forms Required

Please be aware that the Department of Administration requires that current STAR Vendor and W-9 forms are submitted each year and whenever a claimant's information changes (name, address or EIN). Current forms can be found on the PECFA website under the "[Documents](#)" tab.

PECFA Publications

PECFA forms and publications are in the process of being updated. This will include both a discontinuation and a combination of some forms to better reflect current laws and practices, and to streamline paperwork. The following have been updated or added as new:

- [Important Information for Appealing a PECFA Claim Decision \(RR-941\)](#)
- [PECFA Consulting Firm Registration Form \(4400-310\)](#)
- [PECFA Consultant Registration Form \(4400-309\)](#)
- [PECFA Deductible Financial Hardship Application \(4400-290\)](#) (Formerly 4400-294, 4400-290a, RR-945)
- [PECFA Remedial Action Fund Application \(4400-291\)](#)

Additional changes and updates will be announced in a future RR Report.

Snapshot: PECFA Financials

The RR Program will provide monthly updates on the status of PECFA claims and the overall PECFA budget. The table below provides information on the number and value of claims submitted, the number and value of claims paid, and the remaining available funding for the fiscal year.

Below are the updated PECFA numbers for June 2017. The RR Program reimbursed more than \$5.2 million in claims in FY17.

	Number	Value
Claims Received	72	\$500,063
Claims Paid	119	\$689,987
Claims in audit line (as of June 30)	12	\$75,824
FY17 Ending Balance		\$410,444
Total Spent in FY15-17 biennium		\$10,789,556

Redevelopment Successes Detailed in Reports

For nearly 15 years, the Remediation and Redevelopment Program has worked under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to enhance state efforts with the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields. As part of the agreement, the RR Program details the various activities undertaken and achieved throughout the year and makes those efforts available to the public through the biannual Section 128(a) Report. These reports can be found on the [Brownfields Program webpage](#) and we invite you to have a look. Recent reports detail redevelopment sites in Manitowoc and Madison, highlight video projects, recognize staff efforts, and recognize our external partners for helping guide Program efforts.



National TAB Webinar: The Basics of Site Remediation for Communities

Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling will present an introductory webinar and remediation technologies. The webinar will take place on August 2, from 2:30-4:00 CDT.

During this webinar, you'll learn about environmental cleanup technology, including the differences between remediation corridors versus single sites and how to work with the regulators, especially the state. This webinar will give you the tools to make informed decisions about your projects and remind you of special considerations to make while working on brownfield sites.

This webinar is geared for local and regional government officials, not-for-profit economic and community development organizations and anyone interested in learning about brownfield remediation.

The event is free, but [registration](#) required. For more information or help with registration contact [Erica Rippe](#).

"When Life Hands You a Landfill" Webinar Recording Now Available

What to do with those pesky landfills? The Center for Creative Land Recycling presents an online recording of its recent webinar "When life hands you a landfill, make it into something better."

The [60-minute video](#) features experts from the field of brownfields redevelopment and covers a range of issues particular to working on landfill projects.

Upcoming ITRC Training

August 14 - [Long-term Contaminant Management Using Institutional Controls](#)

August 29 - [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management](#)